

# Spectrum



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(Left) Lameyia Thompson, a member of the “1000 Gs,” drives to the hoop to sink a basket. (Above) Timothy Perez propels his ball toward the basket during the half court shot contest. (Right) Steve Knotek, a player on team “Captain Morgan,” tries some intimidation defense on T.J. Daniels, a player on the “Young Gunz.”



(Above) Referees and the scorekeeper share a laugh at some of the odd team names. (Right) Ylonda Cuffie, #22, of the “Da Truth” team drives the ball down the court as Latash Major, “1000 G’s” sets up a road block.



## First Scion Slam tournament a success

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A large crowd turned out for Fort Gordon’s first Scion Slam 3-on-3 Military Tournament Aug. 9 at the post’s motorcycle course near the Gordon Club.

The event was jointly hosted by The Passion Group of Asbury Park, N. J. for Scion, Fort Gordon’s Better Opportunities for Single Service Members, and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Registration began at 9 a.m. and the tournament kicked off at 10 a.m. All participants received complimentary gifts of T-shirts, hats, socks, key chains, and a Scion sponsored DJ musical CD during registration. A total of 72 teams signed up to participate in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament. There were 64 men’s teams and eight women’s teams. This event has been going on at military installations for four years now, according to Chris Elrich of the Scion Slam event. “We added the women’s bracket last year,” said Elrich, who was the official scorekeeper/recorder for the one-day event.

“This is the first time in two years we have maxed out the women’s bracket,” said Shannon DeGraaf, tour/events director for The Passion Group. “Scion chose to put on this one-day event throughout the country to show their appreciation to the military members for their service.”

The event provided service members and their Families lots to do. Licensed drivers 18 years or older could test drive a 2009 Scion xB, tC or xD. Those that did received a free book bag. DJs Marcel Daniels, known as “Black Daniels,” and Andre Browne, known as “DJ Enchanted,” both from Atlanta, Ga., spun pop, hip hop, Top 40s music and filled a request for some Johnny Cash. There was jostling too.

For those who needed a little cooling down there was a mist tent near the registration booth. The staff at the Gordon Club set up a tent and sold hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue, vitamin water and Powerade drink. Many people sampled Syzmo’s organic energy drink. The company donated 48 cases, T-shirts, tank tops and tattoos for the event. The Fort Gordon Fire Department brought out Engine 10 and its staff: Capt. Lamar Pryce, Tim Dines, Jason Cunningham and Ben Pierce. In addition, an ambulance furnished by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center helped handle medical emergencies. One member of the women’s basketball teams was rushed to the hospital after a bad fall. She was unable to put any weight on her right foot and she was experiencing a lot of pain.



Highly polished chrome gleamed on the wheels and engines of vehicles competing in the “All Make, All Models Car Show” and the Scion Slammed Custom Car Show held during Fort Gordon Scion Slam 3-on-3 Military Tournament.

While the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was going on, Families enjoyed the Scion Slam Custom Car Show which was only open to military members. The All Makes, All Models Car Show was set up for all FMWR patrons to participate. Both car shows had walk-up registration. Roger Johnson won first place in the Scion Car Show; he took home \$300 in cash. William Hanks placed first in the “All Makes, All Models” Car Show and won the \$300 cash prize. Quincy Spivey took second place and earned the \$150 cash prize. Jeff Gonzales placed third and took home \$75 in cash.

The half court contest took place prior to the semi-final game. Timothy Perez of Company C, 447th Signal Battalion, earned the \$250 cash prize. This was followed by the three point contest which took place prior to the championship game. Tammy Posey of Company A, 447th Signal Battalion, earned the \$100 cash prize. Her opponents were nine men.

All games in the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament lasted 30 minutes or up to 16 points, which ever came first.

The first place winner in the women’s class was 1000 Gs. Theais Edmonds, Lameyia Thompson and, Latash Major earned the \$1,000 cash prize and XM radios with a three month service contract. Da Truth placed second. Angela Williams, Ylonda Cuffie, Roslyn Ricketts and alternate Amanda Williams won \$500 and XM radios with a three month service contract. Final score was 16-14.

In the men’s class “Young Gunz” took first place. T. J. Daniels, Laterrance Casey, Laquinton Fort and alternate Nathaniel Jones



(Above) Abigail Gamble and Mason Wolf jostle. (Below left) Jerry Swain, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation special events coordinator, and Lance Cpl. David Wilson of Company D, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, tie off balloons. (Below right) Disc Jockey Black Daniels plays some tunes.



earned the \$1,000 cash prize and MX radios with a three-month service contract. “Captain Morgan” won second place. Steve Knotek, Dominique Wilson, Armando Rodriguez and Andrew Figueroa earned the \$500 cash prize and XM radios with a three month service contract. Final score was 16-4.

The “Goon Squad” placed third in the 3 on 3 Scion Basketball Tournament. Jamaal Sampson, Dedric Stringfield, Lamont McNutt and alternate Kristopher Lunnun took home the \$250 cash prize. Members of the “Goon Squad” are assigned to Company C, 551st Signal Battalion.

Calvin Chapple won an XM radio with a three month service contract after his name was drawn.

“This event has been successful,” said Degraaf. “We hope to come back next year to Fort Gordon.” The 2008 Scion Slam 3-on-3 Basketball tournament is scheduled to be held this summer and fall at 10 military installations which include: Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Eustis, Va.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Riley, Kan.; and San Diego, Calif.

“We had a large turnout,” said James Green, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director. “I would like to thank all the BOSS representatives who worked so hard getting the flyers out on post announcing this event.”



(Above) Tammy Posey sinks a swisher as she goes toe-to-toe with the guys and bests the field of competitors to win the first place prize from the nine men in the three-point shooting contest.